

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1181

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A RESOLUTION to urge and encourage the United States Congress to enact the "Education Begins at Home Act".

WHEREAS, the home is the first and most important learning environment for children, and parents are their children's first and most influential teachers; and

WHEREAS, through parent education and family support, we can promote parents' ability to enhance their children's development from birth until entry into kindergarten, thereby helping parents to prepare their children for success in school; and

WHEREAS, undiagnosed and unaddressed developmental and health problems can impede overall child development and school readiness; and

WHEREAS, all parents deserve and can benefit from research-based information regarding child development, enrichment opportunities with their children and early opportunities to become involved with their communities and schools; and

WHEREAS, in-home parent coaching should be a major focus of our child abuse and neglect prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, in-home parent coaching programs offer coaching on good parenting practices and other assistance to new parents to help prevent child abuse, neglect, and future crime; and

WHEREAS, early childhood home visitation leads to positive outcomes for children and families, including readiness for school, improved child health and development, positive parenting practices, and reductions in child maltreatment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to address this important issue by passing the "Education Begins at Home Act" (H.R. 3628 of the 109th U.S. Congress) and appropriating the necessary funds to the several states for the development of early childhood home visitation programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and to each member of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation.